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Gregory Ashton et al.

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Serial No. 10/824,122

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For Dual Cuff For A Unitary Disposable Absorbent Article Made Of A Continuous Cuff

Material

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made on the attached Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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5. [] <u>Information to be Considered with Continued Prosecution Application</u> (CPA) Filing (use when filing IDS with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for <u>Design Case</u>). This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

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[X]]	(2) (For use with applications filed after June 30, 2003.) In accordance with					
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[]	(3)	All of the cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the USPTO in					
prior	applic	cation Case No, U.S. Patent Application Serial No, filed Applicants					
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respe	ctfully	requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and					
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